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Thanks, Katrina.

LaDonna, have you already provided Randy Gee what he needs for RTOC?

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Please see attached emails for information provided to LaDonna on this request. I believe LaDonna has already provided the update.

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With apologies for the quick turnaround – Randy Gee asked for an update by last Friday (3/11) – please provide me appropriate updates to your respective sections by noon, tomorrow (3/17).

Thanks.  
Blake

**Quapaw Tribe:** Region 6 awarded a \$2.6 million cooperative agreement to the Quapaw Tribe Environmental Office to conduct the remediation of a 40-acre parcel of tribal land known as the 'Catholic 40' within the Tar Creek Superfund Site. This was the first time that a Tribe is carrying out a Superfund Remedial Action in the U.S. Under a pilot project, soil amendments have been applied to the soils to reduce the bioavailability of the metals of concern. The application of technical performance measures and long-term monitoring will determine whether the amendments are functioning as designed. The Tribe is now performing the remedial action at another portion of tribal lands known as Beaver Creek North (CP060). **Rafael Casanova 214-665-7437**

**Quapaw Tribe:** Region 6 and the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma have successfully negotiated an additional Tar Creek Remedial Action Cooperative Agreement to conduct remediation of a parcel of restricted property known as “Distal Beaver Creek North”. This Cooperative Agreement was awarded in May 2015 and was for \$1.8 million dollars. This Agreement will allow the Tribe to remove contaminated mine and mill wastes from the site. **Kathy Gibson 214-665-7196**

**Tar Creek:** EPA continues to coordinate with the tribal groups interested in the Tar Creek Site through periodic meetings and conference calls that provide updates and discussion opportunities related to progress and schedule for remedial action (OU2 and OU4) and Remedial Investigation (OU5). The interested parties include ITEC, Cherokee Nation, Eastern Shawnee, Miami Tribe, Modoc tribe, Quapaw Tribe, Ottawa Tribe, Peoria Tribe, Seneca-Cayuga Tribe, Shawnee Tribe, Wyandotte Tribe, and BIA. A scheduled Trustee meeting was held June 24-25, 2015, where updates related to Tar Creek were presented by EPA. The next scheduled stakeholder conference call will be in December 2015. **Rafael Casanova 214-665-7437**

**Wilcox Oil Company:** Katrina Higgins-Coltrain (Remedial Project Manager) and Todd Downham (Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality Project Manager) continue to coordinate with the tribal groups interested in the Wilcox Site. Update meetings and discussion related to the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study process, current status and progress, and schedule of future activities were held in March and April 2015. A meeting was held August 26, 2015, with the interested parties which included ITEC, Sac and Fox Nation, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Cherokee Nation, BIA, and IHS. Currently, we are working with the ITEC and Muscogee (Creek) Nation cultural and historical preservation departments to investigate and identify areas of cultural and historical significance that could be impacted by site related activities. **Katrina Higgins-Coltrain 214-665-8143**

**Jackpile-Paguate Uranium Mine:** Petra Sanchez (Remedial Project Manager, Remedial Program) and Ben Banipal (Enforcement Branch Chief, Enforcement Program) traveled to the Laguna Pueblo on November 20, 2014, to meet with Laguna Environmental Department, to discuss the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study process and the current status and schedule of activities projected over the next few months. On July 24, 2015, Regional Administrator Curry, Superfund Division Director Edlund, Acting Regional Council Seager, External Affairs Office Director Gray, Office of Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs Director Blanco along with other Region 6 staff members met with Pueblo of Laguna Governor Siow, Laguna Pueblo Environmental and Natural Resource Department Director Ringia and other Laguna Pueblo staff members to discuss overall coordination between the EPA and the Pueblo of Laguna. New Mexico State Agencies were also present during this meeting. After this meeting this group toured the Jackpile to observe the general condition of this huge uranium mine. **Petra Sanchez, 214-665-6686, Ben Banipal, 214-665-7324**

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